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#### **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 6, and 13 have been amended and claims 17-20 added herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-20 will be pending in the above-identified application.

#### **Drawings**

Applicants respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the drawings because each item in Fig. 1 is labeled. Specifically, referencing the figures in light of the specification, the entire system is generally designated by reference numeral 20, the measuring device is labeled 22, the warning device is labeled 24, the processor is labeled 26, and the processor is labeled 28. Because all of the items in Fig. 1 are labeled and none of the boxes are "blank," as the Office Action asserts, the objection is improper.

#### **Claims 1-16**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,633,452 (Bebernes). As amended, claims 1-6 recite, among other things, an automated warning system for use in combination with a platform assembly including a platform for holding personnel and/or items used to perform work on an object, the system comprising a measuring device mountable on the platform assembly for measuring a parameter representing loading of the personnel and/or items on the assembly.

Bebernes discloses a system for measuring float pressure of an agricultural vehicle 10 header 30 used for crop harvesting. The measuring device 200 of Bebernes measures pressure in cylinders 76, 78 and not a parameter representing loading of personnel and/or items on the assembly.

Further regarding claim 4, Bebernes fails to show a processor configured to *select* a parameter. Specifically, the transducer 200 of Bebernes is configured to

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solely measure a parameter of pressure in cylinders 76, 78. Because the same parameter is always considered in Bebernes, the processor 201 is not configured to select, or choose from a group of options, a parameter, as claimed.

Further regarding claim 5, Bebernes fails to show a processor configured to select a parameter based on the information relating to at least one of the design and operation of at least one of the platform assembly and the object. As an initial matter, Bebernes fails to show a processor selecting a parameter as shown above regarding claim 4. Further, Bebernes discloses a processor 201 programmed with "a minimum pressure setting reflective of the weight of the particular header...being used." (see column 7, lines 6-11). Having a minimum pressure setting corresponding to a weight of a particular header is not equivalent to or suggestive of a processor being configured to select a parameter based on the information relating to at least one of the design and operation of at least one of the platform assembly and the object.

As amended, claims 6-12 recite, among other things, a platform assembly for use in combination with an object, the assembly comprising a support, a platform extending from the support for holding personnel and/or items used to perform work on the object, and a measuring device mounted on at least one of the platform, the support, and the object for measuring a parameter representing loading of personnel and/or items on at least one of the platform, the support, and the object. The measuring device 200 of Bebernes measures pressure in cylinders 76, 78 and not a parameter representing loading of personnel and/or items on at least one of the platform, the support, and the object.

Further regarding claim 9, Bebernes fails to show the support or the platform attached to the object. The Office Action identifies the windrower 10 as the object. Because the suspension 32 and header 30 are part of the windrower 10, the suspension and header are not attached to the object, as claimed.

Further regarding claim 10, Bebernes fails to show at least one of the support and the platform positioned at least partially within the object. Bebernes shows

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a housing or cab 26 forming an interior cavity and "containing well-known items...such as a seat, steering wheel, and various switches and control levers." (column 2, lines 44-49). Bebernes fails to show a support or a platform positioned at least partially within the object, as claimed.

Further regarding claim 12, Bebernes fails to show a processor configured to select a parameter. Specifically, the transducer 200 of Bebernes is configured to solely measure a parameter of pressure with respect to the cylinders 76, 78. Because the same parameter is always used, the processor 201 is not configured to select a parameter, as claimed.

As amended, claims 13-16 recite, among other things, an automated warning system for use in combination with a platform assembly attached to an object and including a platform for holding personnel and/or items used to perform work on the object, the system comprising a measuring device mountable on the object for measuring a parameter representing loading on the object resulting from force transmitted from the personnel and/or the items on the platform assembly to the object.

The measuring device 200 of Bebernes measures pressure in cylinders 76, 78 and not a parameter representing loading of personnel and/or items on at least one of the platform, the support, and the object.

#### Conclusion

As it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, a favorable action and Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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